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SUBJ: IMPACT OF PUB SAFETY PROGRAM TERMINATION ON NCAP

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FOR AMB HANDLEY FROM NARCOOR

1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL EMB NARCOTICS COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED NCAP IN LIGHT OF TERMINATION OF PUB SAFETY PROGRAM WITH FOL CONCLUSIONS:

A. WITH EXCEPTION OF PSA FOR NARCOTICS ACKERMAN, PSA ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN VALUABLE AND SUPPORTIVE BUT NOT CRUCIAL TO OVER ALL PROGRAM.

B. CONTINUATION OF FULL TIME PUB SAFETY NARCOTICS ADVISOR (ACKERMAN) MANDATORY IF COLOMBIAN AGENCIES TO DEVELOP FULLY THEIR OWN INTERDICTION CAPABILITIES.

C. EMB NARCOTICS COMMITTEE STRONGLY RECOMMENDS RETENTION OF ADDITIONAL PSA (WILLIAM MOODY) THROUGH FY75 TO WORK EXCLUSIVELY

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ON NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN ORDER TO IMPROVE COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS

CONTROL EFFORT.

2. NCAP PRESENTLY CALLS FOR ASSIGNMENT OF ONE U S CUSTOMS SERVICE/ PASA FOR FY75-76 TO ASSIST COLOMBIAN CUUTOMS DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NARCOTICS INTERDICTION CAPABILITY. NARCOMM, AFTER CAREFUL STUDY NOW BELIEVES PROGRAM INTERESTS WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY RETAINING PSA MOODY IN LIEU OF PROPOSED CUSTOMS PASA. COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS HAS APPROVED NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN AND MOVING RAPIDLY TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION. LAINCC HAS APPROVED \$210,000 FOR CUSTOMS IN FY74 AND PROJECT AGREEMENT EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. PSA ACKERMAN, WITH ASSISTANCE OF DEA AGENT BOLDIN (CUSTOMS BACKGROUND) HAS GUIDED CUSTOMS PROGRAM IN RIGHT DIRECTION BUT THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE CUSTOMS INFRASTRUCTURE COMPLETE, EQUIPPED AND OPERATIONAL. PSA ACKERMAN WELL QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE DURING THIS PERIOD. ACKERMAN HAS TWO FOLD ADVANTAGE OF HAVING SET UP SIMILAR UNIT IN NATIONAL POLICE AND HAVING WORKED CLOSELY WITH CUSTOMS DURING EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PLAN. HOWEVER HE CANNOT PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND CONTINUE TO ADVISE NATIONAL POLICE UNIT AND ATTORNEY GEN OFFICE. WHILE NP UNIT MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS IT STILL REQUIRES CLOSE SUPERVISION AND ADVISORY ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN MAJOR AREAS OUTSIDE OF BOGOTA. PSA MOODY, WPO HAS HAD PREVIOUS NARCOTICS EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH F2 BRANCH OF NP WHICH CONTAINS NARCOTICS UNIT FOR ALMOST 3 YEARS. MOODY COULD PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ADVISORY, PROCUREMENT AND TECH ASSISTANCE TO THIS UNIT, THUS FREEING PSA ACKERMAN FOR FULL TIME WORK WITH CUSTOMS. MOODY ALSO WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO NEWLY FORMED F2 NARCOTICS UNITS IN CALI, MEDELLIN AND CARTAGENA WHICH WILL REQUIRE AND ARE PROGRAMMED TO RECEIVE, TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IN FY75.

3. NARCOMM FEELS THIS ADVISORY ARRANGEMENT FAR SUPERIOR TO ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED U S CUSTOMS SERVICE/PASA SINCE IT WOULD PROVIDE GREATER CONTINUITY AND TERMINATE AT END OF FY75 WHEN BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE COMPLETE. DEA COULD THEN PROVIDE PROPER OPERATIONAL ADVISORY ASSISTANCE THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

4. TIME IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THIS REQUEST AS PSA MOODY CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO DEPART BOGOTA MARCH 31. IF ADDITIONAL INFO REQUIRED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION NARCOOR AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION ON THIS SUBJECT, PROVIDED DEPT CAN PROVIDE FUNDING. WHITE

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